

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are pending and under consideration.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are pending herein and all are rejected.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 5 AND 6 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) FOR OBVIOUSNESS OVER TSUJI IN VIEW OF SAKA ET AL. AND ORR, JR., ET AL.

In the foregoing, claims 1, 5 and 6 are amended to clarify the feature that the claimed connector is a shielded cabled connector for use with a balanced cable and that first and second half covers thereof are shielded half covers.

Tsuji merely teaches the use of a resin cable body having drainage for draining water. Thus, there is no teaching in Tsuji to provide a shielded connector for balanced transmission lines.

Orr teaches a cable connector for high-speed electrical transmission. However, Orr is silent about any use of an independent cable guide for bending a rigid balanced cable. In Orr, it is noted that the bending direction of the cable is fixed and lacks flexibility in the cable direction, contrary to the present invention.

Saka teaches a connector capable of being used commonly with different connector housings (30, 40), the one housing (30) accommodating a ferrite core (39) and the other housing (40) accommodating an ordinary cable (23).

Saka teaches that the cable housing (30, 40) has a pair of catching portions (37, 3B).

However, these catching portions engage not with the mutually mating surfaces of wall portions of said first and second shielded half covers, as set forth in claim 1, but the catching portion 37 of the first half cover (30, 40) engages with the catching portion 38 of the second half cover (30, 40) and, thus, the first and second half covers hold the housing main body {11} from above and below. Thus, the mechanism of engagement of the connector housings on the housing main body of Saka is entirely different from that of the present invention.

As noted before, Tsuji merely teaches a connector body formed of a molded resin. Thus, there would be no motivation for a person skilled in the art to modify the teaching of Tsuji in view of Orr to derive the shielded connector of the present invention.

Further, even when Saka is combined with Orr, the catching mechanism of the present invention is not derived.

Contrary to the references and in accordance with the present invention, the catching arms engage with the wall portion of the first and second shielded covers; thus, there are formed no penetrating holes through such wall portions for the purpose of engagement of the catching members. Thereby, leakage of electromagnetic radiation to the environment through such penetrating holes is successfully avoided.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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